

## MEMORANDUM



**TO:** CLAY PEARSON, CITY MANAGER  
**FROM:** JASON MANGUM, DIRECTOR, PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES  
**SUBJECT:** JAMES FARRELL AWARD OF EXCELLENCE  
**DATE:** DECEMBER 4, 2012

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The City of Novi and the Metro Detroit Amateur Softball Association (MDASA) were recognized with the James Farrell Award of Excellence at the Amateur Softball Association National Conference in Dallas, Texas this past November. The national award recognizes only the highest rated tournaments across the country. Ratings are determined by the ASA National Office based on: tournament planning, compliance, ASA representative evaluation, Umpire-In-Chief evaluation, and manager/team evaluations. The 2012 ASA Northern National 14U Class A Championships was held in Novi August 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>. Only 26 awards were given out nationally. Stu Alderman, a representative from ASA, will present the award at the December 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

For 2013 Novi was awarded the Northern Territory 10U A & B Tournament; however, recent numbers show this is a poorly attended tournament with 6-10 teams between the two divisions and often at least one of the divisions being cancelled. Attendance at the Novi Tournament could also be compromised by the fact that teams coming from Ohio, Indiana and Illinois could elect to attend the true National Tournament in Kentucky because it is located closer to them. Therefore, Novi decided to give up the 2013 Northern Territory 10U A & B Tournament in favor of a 18 U National Qualifier Tournament that promises to be much better attended with 25+ teams. An additional consideration of switching to the 18U Tournament in 2012 is that Novi was awarded the 18U B National Tournament in 2014.



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The Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Awards Luncheon honors members of the ASA for their service as well as their excellence in hosting National Championship tournaments and registering adult teams, youth teams and umpires in 2012. The Awards Luncheon is sponsored by Wilson Sporting Goods of Chicago, Ill., a long time supporter of ASA/USA Softball and the annual Awards Luncheon.

### **JAMES FARRELL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE**

The James Farrell Award of Excellence is named in honor of former St. Louis ASA Commissioner and National Office staff member James Farrell. The James Farrell Award of Excellence is for the cities that do an outstanding job of hosting ASA National Championship tournaments. To receive the award, cities must attain an overall rating of 95 percent or greater from the ASA Representative, Umpire-In-Chief and National Office. The James Farrell Certificate of Excellence is awarded to cities that produced a first-rate National Championship that fell short of the James Farrell Award of Excellence criteria, obtaining a 90-94 percent rating.

#### **TEN OF THE HIGHEST RATED TOURNAMENTS**

Burlington, North Carolina

#### **FIVE OF THE HIGHEST RATED TOURNAMENTS**

Ridgeland, Mississippi

#### **FOUR OF THE HIGHEST RATED TOURNAMENTS**

Tupelo, Mississippi

#### **THREE OF THE HIGHEST RATED TOURNAMENTS**

Bowling Green, Kentucky • Salem, Virginia • Sterling, Virginia

#### **TWO OF THE HIGHEST RATED TOURNAMENTS**

Montgomery, Alabama • Phoenix, Arizona • Prescott, Arizona • Rolla, Missouri  
Roseville, California • Stratford, California • Turlock, California

#### **ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATED TOURNAMENTS**

Ashland, Ohio • Auburn, Alabama • Bloomington, Indiana • Clovis, California • Columbus, Georgia • Dallas, Texas  
Ft. Worth, Texas • Hastings, Nebraska • Hayward, California • Hillsboro/Beaverton, Oregon  
Johnson City, Tennessee • Kaysville, Utah • Mandan, North Dakota • Moline, Illinois  
Novi, Michigan • Overland Park, Kansas • Port Huron, Michigan • Portland, Oregon  
Rochester, Minnesota • Salem, Oregon • Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
South Bend, Indiana • Springfield, Missouri • Tallahassee, Florida  
York, Pennsylvania • Yuma, Arizona

#### **JAMES FARRELL CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE**

Bakersfield, California • LaPlata, Maryland • Lawton, Oklahoma • Reno/Sparks, Nevada • Sioux Falls, South Dakota  
Spartanburg, South Carolina • Spokane, Washington • Tallahassee, Florida

## BENCHMARK AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Benchmark Awards are presented for increases in the number of registrations of adult teams, youth teams and umpires. To receive a Benchmark Award, an association had to have an increase of at least 10 percent and/or a total registration of more than 100 teams or umpires.

ALASKA ASA (Rod Hill)  
 CHICAGO ASA (Tom O'Neill)  
 CINCINNATI ASA (Dave Maury)  
 CONNECTICUT ASA (Hank Koritkoski)  
 DAYTON ASA (Clyde Brewer)  
 FLORIDA ASA (Carlton Benton)  
 IDAHO ASA (Steve Anthony)  
 KENTUCKY ASA (Bill Bollinger)  
 MICHIGAN ASA (Jerry Hanson)  
 MINNESOTA ASA (Dan Pfeffer)  
 MISSOURI ASA (Joey Rich)  
 MONTANA ASA (Bob Rowling)  
 NEW JERSEY ASA (Lee Spirito)  
 OHIO ASA (Warren Jones)  
 OKLAHOMA ASA (JoAnn McGuire)  
 PORTLAND ASA (Ron Boley)  
 SAN ANTONIO ASA (Herman Garza)  
 SOUTH CAROLINA ASA (Gerald McDonald)  
 ST. LOUIS ASA (Mel Pinkley)  
 UTAH ASA (Steve Rollins)  
 WEST VIRGINIA ASA (Andy Dooley)

### TRIPLE PLAY

INCREASES IN ADULT TEAMS,  
 YOUTH TEAMS AND UMPIRES  
 HAWAII ASA (Don Meinel)  
 HOUSTON ASA (Stoney Burke)

### MOST TOTAL REGISTRATIONS

10,599

Texas ASA (Rodney Cobb)

### MOST YOUTH TEAM REGISTRATIONS

6,396

So. California ASA (Phil Gutierrez)

### MOST UMPIRE REGISTRATIONS

1,792

Pennsylvania ASA (Andy Loechner Jr.)

## SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

### FIVE YEARS

JOE ALFONSE,  
 Massachusetts ASA  
 RICHARD ANNEN,  
 Ohio ASA  
 MICHAEL BYERLEY,  
 Houston ASA  
 PAUL DRAKE III,  
 Ohio ASA  
 JIM GIBILISCO,  
 Southern California ASA  
 BOB GILL,  
 Oklahoma ASA  
 JEFF HARBISON,  
 Washington ASA  
 AAU,  
 Allied Member  
 STEVE RISWOLD,  
 South Dakota ASA  
 DEE WEBSTER,  
 Northern California ASA  
 TOM WILLIAMS,  
 Ohio ASA

### 10 YEARS

TOMMY GROCE,  
 Georgia ASA  
 MIKE MUSGROVE,  
 Piedmont Virginia ASA  
 MIKE SHUCK,  
 Southern California ASA  
 PATRICIA SPIRITO,  
 New Jersey ASA  
 PAUL TOMAZZOLI,  
 Illinois ASA  
 MORIS UHLER,  
 Florida ASA

### 15 YEARS

U.S. ARMY,  
 Allied Member  
 U.S. AIRFORCE,  
 Allied Member  
 RODNEY COBB,  
 Texas ASA  
 AL DATTOLO,  
 Georgia ASA  
 U.S. MARINE CORPS,  
 Allied Member  
 BOB MAUGER,  
 New Jersey ASA  
 D. STEPHEN MONSON,  
 Southern California ASA  
 JOE PATTERSON,  
 Nebraska ASA  
 NATIONAL STATE GAMES,  
 Allied Member

### 20 YEARS

BILL BOLLINGER,  
 Kentucky ASA  
 BILL DOXSEY,  
 New York ASA  
 TENNESSEE PARKS & REC,  
 Allied Member  
 DENNIS TROSHAK,  
 Detroit ASA  
 HANK KORITKOSKI,  
 Connecticut ASA

### 25 YEARS

BILL CARY,  
 Maine ASA  
 JEFF DUBCHANSKY,  
 Sacramento ASA  
 DON MEINEL,  
 Hawaii ASA  
 BOB SAVOIE,  
 Maryland - DC ASA  
 GARLAND THOMPSON,  
 Kentucky ASA

### 30 YEARS

SODA,  
 Allied Member  
 ALICE COX,  
 New Mexico ASA

### 40 YEARS

ANDY LOECHNER, JR.  
 Pennsylvania ASA

### 50 YEARS

BEN GIBSON,  
 Alabama ASA



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Pictures and videos from the 2012 Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Awards Luncheon sponsored by Wilson Sporting Goods can be found on the official Facebook page of ASA/USA Softball at [www.facebook.com/asasussoftball/](http://www.facebook.com/asasussoftball/).

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